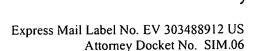


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Applicant respectfully petitions for a one month extension of time, to and including January 11, 2004 to respond to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2003. The extension fee of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charging of any required fees not included or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to deposit account No. 19-5117.

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